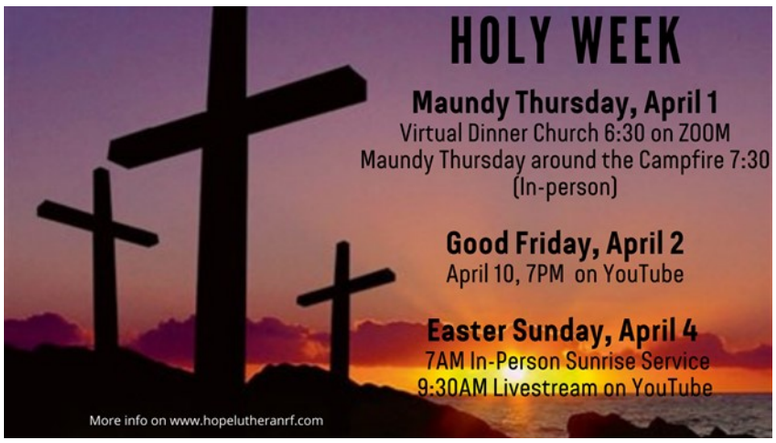
You are invited to stop by HOPE through this week to pick up YOUR Palm to have at home! Don't forget the instructions on how to turn it into a cross for Holy Week!
(Faith Adventure/Confirmation families will receive theirs via deliv-



You are invited to immerse yourself in the experience of Holy Week this year in a variety of ways. While most of our options remain virtual as we tend to our unvaccinated neighbors, there are a few options for in-person gathering as well. It is our prayer that this Holy Week helps you to connect with Jesus in new ways and to be transformed by the power of His Resurrection!

Maundy Thursday, April 1st:

There are 2 options you can engage on this day. The first option will center on the traditional story of the Last Supper. This **interactive Zoom worship** (6:30pm) includes celebration of Holy Communion, the traditional reading of Psalm 22, and stripping of the altar.
The second option will center on what happens *after* the Last Supper. During **Maundy Thursday around the Campfire (7:30PM)** we'll hear from Judas, Peter, Peter's wife, and Jesus as we hear this often overlooked part of the story. This experience involves gathering around the campfire, storytelling, and a special liturgy of confession, forgiveness, and Holy Communion. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced.

Good Friday, April 2nd:

Join us on YouTube at 7PM for a meaningful telling of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. This service will be done in partnership with Pastor Lucas Ladnier of Our Savior's Lutheran, Beldenville.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3rd:

For those interested in an Easter Vigil experience, you are invited to join Our Savior's Lutheran, Beldenville for their day-long virtual vigil, ending in an in-person gathering at 7:30PM at the church. For more information go to: www.oursaviorschurch.info

Easter Sunday, April 4th:

Sunrise Worship 7AM in WOTS - A brief, outdoor, in person gathering to celebrate the Resurrected Jesus! This is a favorite for many, complete with live brass and plenty of Alleluias! Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced.

Full Easter Morning Worship 9:30AM Livestream on YouTube- Service will include live brass, our gorgeous Easter garden, interactive children's message, beautiful music, Holy Communion, and again, plenty of Alleulias! Make sure to share our YouTube page with friends and family! (www.youtube.com/c/hopelutheranriverfalls)

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Wednesdays @ 6:30 on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 842 1690 1030
Passcode: 198284
Sundays @ 9:30 on YouTube

Lent is traditionally a contemplative span of 40 days (not counting Sundays) when we strip things down and re-center ourselves on Jesus, practice repentance of the things which have turned us from God, and remind ourselves of the work of discipleship. We trust that God speaks to us anew in this season each year. It is a season where we are intentional about connecting to the Divine in a deeper way.

This Lent also marks a full year of pandemic living and in many ways, our whole year has felt like Lent. Perhaps this year has afforded you opportunity to re-center your own lives on what has been important, or forced you to strip away layers of busy-ness to notice different gifts in your midst. So this year, we will take a pause to intentionally explore how God has used and is using this time to re-open us to God and our neighbor! Each Wednesday evening will serve as the interactive kick-off point for each week's theme. Sundays will provide more personal reflection space on the same theme.

To aid you in your Lenten experience, the Worship Ministry has assembled WONDERFUL Lent-At-Home kits! They are designed to partner with the included devotional and have materials to help you connect each week:

- Week 1 (Feb 17 & 21): Open My Heart, Lord
- Week 2 (Feb 24 & 28): Open My Eyes, Lord
- Week 3 (Mar 3 & 7): Open My Hands, Lord
- Week 4 (Mar 10 & 14): Open My Ears, Lord
- Week 5 (Mar 17 & 21): Open My Mouth, Lord
- **Week 6 (Mar 24 &28): Open My Life, Lord**

The mission team has created wonderful service components to expand on each theme as well!

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This Lent, we pray, "***Open My Life, Lord!"*** Jesus comes to us in new ways to break open our very lives for the sake of our neighbor. These acts of service strive to help us learn about various ways to serve our community anew.

The Mission Ministry has planned weekly activities during this Lenten season for members of HOPE to practice repentance serving.

- On February 17th Jesus will ***Open Our Hearts*** - by the faithful act of repentance during Ash Wednesday worship and an opening of our hearts to the weeks ahead.
- On February 24th *Jesus will* ***Open Our Eyes*** *- by hearing about the Lions Club glasses collection and encouraging donations of glasses in the our Lion's bin.*
- On March 3rd Jesus will ***Open Our Hands*** - by hearing about 2 different service projects in our area by Habitat for Humanity. We will also be collecting gloves at HOPE.
- On March 10th Jesus will ***Open Our Ears*** - to a conversation with a Pierce County Restorative Services representative. We will hear about ways to volunteer/donate to various programs at that time.
- On March 17th Jesus will ***Open Our Mouths -*** with a Criminal Justice emphasis by collecting donations ($10 each) to purchase "Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book" to donate to a local jail/prison.
- ***On March 24th*** Jesus will ***Open Our Lives*** - by emphasizing ways to donate blood/ plasma.

We will introduce these opportunities every Wednesday during Lent and further reinforce these themes on Sundays. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how you can participate.

We will grow together in our understanding of and practice of repentance serving as we journey through Lent toward gratefulness for our RISEN LORD!

2021 Lent Mission Projects You Can STILL Donate Through Easter!

- Donations of used eyeglasses for River Falls Lions (donation bin at church)
- Work gloves for Habitat (donation bin at church)
- Direct donations to St. Croix Valley Restorative Services: **https://restorativeservices.org/give/**

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Open Our Lives Lord!

Take Time To Give Life To Others!

- Time is a precious commodity.
- Giving life to others is one important thing you can do for others
- People who take the time to give blood, platelets, and plasma make a vital contribution to the community. Blood saves lives!
- That's why no matter how many units are collected, YOUR unit is the most important one *you* donate.

HOPE Lutheran Blood Drive?

- HOPE has the space needed
- The Red Cross provides planning assistance, recruitment tools, equipment & supplies, and trained staff
- HOPE needs 3-5 volunteers to apply for and coordinate the blood drive with the Red Cross
- Contact the HOPE Office to be a Blood Drive Volunteer
  - Hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com
  - 715-425-9750

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River Falls School Board Candidate Forum

The River Falls AAUW and Optimist Club will co-sponsor a Virtual River Falls School Board Candidate Forum via Zoom on Monday, March 29th from 7-8:30 p.m. Experienced moderator, Rita Kozak, will be conducting the forum. Questions will be encouraged from the attendees.

The April 6 election ballot will include six candidates running for three seats on the Board of Education. Candidates will appear on the ballot in this order: Alan Tuchtenhagen (incumbent), Joshua R. Cleveland, Jeff Johnson, Bob Casey (incumbent), Cindy Holbrook (incumbent) and Josh Kluge.

Please join us by clicking this Zoom link:

https://zoom.us/j/94466719750?pwd=NERtOEF2L2ZERGtFNmptb3VkWW03Zz09

Meeting ID: 944 6671 9750
Passcode: school

(If you need assistance, please call 715-821-8214.)

For more information on the candidates, please see:
rfsd.k12.wi.us/District/SchoolBoard/CandidateQuestionnaire

FAITH ADVENTURE/CONFIRMATION DELIVERY
THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 26!
Keep your eyes peeled for a special delivery in time for Holy Week!

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St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity®

Please let us know if you would like to sign up to join for this Summer's Habitat for Humanity project in New Richmond. We are looking for five more people in June and July, and seven more in August (see dates below). You can sign up for one, two, or all three Saturdays.

Construction experience not necessary! From their site, "Don't worry, construction experience is NOT necessary. We have a great team who will help you learn!" Age, 18+. Volunteers 16 & 17 years old are welcomed with an adult guardian.

When:

Saturday June 26 (5 spots left)

Saturday July 24 (5 spots left)

Saturday August 21 (7 spots left)

You can sign up on this Google Doc (or email dalebohnert@gmail.com)

https://docs.google.com/.../1-yLcF9dnruR3URj66sn9p0v.../edit

Let me know if you have any questions! In addition to "construction" workers (might be painting) we will also have additional ways for you to serve, e.g., serving meals, donations. Stay tuned!

Blessings!

Dale Bohnert

HABITAT FLORES FAMILY GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Join the LIVE Ground Breaking via Facebook Livestream at 1:30, Monday, March 29!
https://fb.me/e/heZxMyas5

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Interested in organic gardening?

HOPE Garden has plots available (10'x50' or 10'x25'). Garden Rules are on the HOPE website main page under announcements. If interested, contact psrudesill@gmail.com by April 15th.

EASTER GARDEN

We are once again doing an Easter Garden for our altar! You are invited to bring in your offering of flowers and plants by 10AM on Saturday, April 3. **If you would like us to make a note in the bulletin in honor/memory of someone, please call Olive in the office or email hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com by Tuesday, March 30th with the information!**

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in helping to make our Sunday LIVESTREAM worship possible, we'd love to incorporate your gifts! Pastor Annie is still looking for readers/prayer leaders for the next 4 weeks and we are always open to others willing to learn the A/V technology! Check out THIS GOOGLE DOC to sign-up to help!

Coffee & Faithful Conversation

Join Pastor Annie and others every Tuesday morning at 11AM for "Coffee & Faithful Conversation." This time has proved to be incredibly fruitful as many of us remain socially distanced from others. We spend time each week checking in on one another and engaging a series of faith-based questions/topics as we grow in faith together!

So brew your own cup and join us via Zoom meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/424556345?pwd=TllRQTlKY1dDdkkvK3RHdnl6a0Jjdz09

Meeting ID: 884 1915 5061

Passcode:593674

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

MaryKay Mahler (Friend of Olive Olson)
Bill Smith (Friend of Bill & Olive Olson)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Kris Miner (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Roger Hammer's Family (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Candy Simpson (Cameron Shea's aunt)
Barb Grubba (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Duane Hall (friend of the Brohaughs)
Judy Karshbaum
Susan Traynor (Friend of Kathy Scott)
Carol Moenke
Gary Siebold
Oak Reile (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
David Hendrickson
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Bud Ziebarth (Mark's father)
Jerry Brandt
Lisa Sigfrids (relative of the Boocks)
James Glaubitz
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Marilyn & Fred Schmidt (Darcy Boock's sister-in-law)
Steve & Beth Pugh (friends of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

CARE PACKAGE

Many of you know David Hallquist who has been hospitalized for five weeks. **HOPE** would like to assemble a CARE package for Dave, Serina and her family. There is a yellow CARE box at church which we hope to fill by Palm Sunday, March 28. Suggested items: Gas cards to help with Serina's daily trips to the hospital, coffee cards, food cards, or some baked goods. Serina has two kids who'd enjoy treats.

Please drop your items off by March 28.

Dave has been overwhelmed by the love and support from HOPE friends. If you'd like to give him a card, just leave it in the CARE box or send it to:

David Hallquist
1101 Juniper Way
Hudson, WI 54016

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March Birthdays

Name	*Birth Date*
Carl Warren	03-Mar
Madison Ziebarth	03-Mar
Jayden Serene	03-Mar
Grant Klacan	03-Mar
John Peter Eaton	05-Mar
Carter Serene	08-Mar
Erik Oppegard	09-Mar
Addyson Wolfe	09-Mar
David Bailey	10-Mar
Sharon Paulson	10-Mar
Shelby Roquette	31-Mar
Mollie Malaney	15-Mar
James Pratt	15-Mar
Carly Wunrow	17-Mar
Karen Ottney-Kaste	22-Mar
Joseph Kurten	22-Mar
Margaret Anderson	23-Mar
Lee Getschel	23-Mar
David Peters	23-Mar
Andrea Boock	31-Mar
Leonard Juaire	31-Mar
Roger Tweiten	31-Mar
Ben Wunrow	31-Mar

March Baptisms

Darcy Boock
Samatha Brill
Luke Flirasky
Sara Filarsky
Lexy Getschel
Gorden Hedahl
Richard Jackson
Debra James
Mallory James
Connie Juaire
Katherine (Klacan) Schilling
Morgan Leitch
Gwen Paulson
Kyle Rudesill
Susie Rudesill

Celebrating

Mark and Sarah Bondhus 15-Mar 41 years

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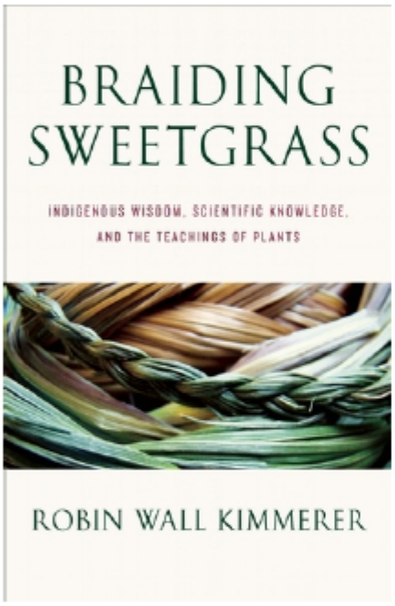
HOPE for CREATION

Hope for Creation
Virtual Community Book Study

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS

Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants

By Robin Wall Kimmerer



Five Tuesdays, April 6 - May 4
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
Discussion guides will be provided and participants divided into small groups randomly each week

Sign Up Now:
hope4creationRF@gmail.com
Sign Up Deadline:
Tuesday, March 30

Each participant is responsible for securing their own copy of the book.
Consider supporting a local business by purchasing the book from Fox Den Books on Main Street, River Falls

Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She lives in Fabius, New York, where she is SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology, and the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment.

"Robin Wall Kimmerer shows how the factual, objective approach of science can be enriched by the ancient knowledge of the indigenous people. It is the way she captures beauty that I love the most - the images of giant cedars and wild strawberries, a forest in the rain and a meadow of fragrant sweetgrass will stay with you long after you read the last page." - Jane Goodall, author of *Seeds of Hope* and *My Life with the Chimpanzees.*